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Gasoline Cisterns Near Strasice

1. New underground gasoline cisterns were installed near Strasice, Central Bohemia, at the beginning of 1953. According to a former soldier of the First Tank Regiment stationed in Strasice, these cisterns are located in the well-forested hills near Misov-Paprt (not in NIS Gazetteer), on the southern edge of the large exercise grounds which stretch from Strasice as far as Mirchov [sic]. Construction of the dump started in mid-1952. Eight to 10 huge cisterns have been installed. The dump is to stock tank gasoline only.

2. The barracks in Strasice have been completely modernized. They consist of eight two-story buildings.

Jince Sharpshooting Ranges

3. The sharpshooting ranges in Jince, Central Bohemia, have been 'remodelled'. An infantry regiment is stationed [late spring 1953] in Jince. The shooting ranges are also adapted for target practice with tanks. Units from Strasice frequently go to Jince for exercise and training.

HVS Highway and Bridge Construction Projects

4. The HVS 1 (Hospodski Stavby Vojenske), a state-owned construction enterprise controlled by the military authorities, is now [spring 1953] working solely on bridge and highway construction projects under military orders. The main HVS office is at 10 Rytirska Street, Prague. It is under the management of Engineer Frantisek Klouda, who is about 55, and his deputy, Frantisek Hoffelner, who is about 45. Both men are active members of the Communist Party. The HVS has at its disposal a number of specialist teams, four of which form a brigade. The men are divided as follows: asphalt-paving, stone-cutting, concrete-laying and pavement-laying. The main task of HVS 1 is to do earth-moving work and

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highway and bridge construction and to lay foundations for such military installations as are needed for tank motorpools, etc. The HSV 1 owns a fleet of trucks and earth-moving equipment.

5. "The HSV 1 from Prague is now [late spring 1953] working on the following construction projects:
- (a) The highway from Prague through Pilsen toward the Czech-Bavarian frontier. The highway is completed west from Pilsen as far as Stribro.
 - (b) The new highway bridge in Beroun.
 - (c) The new highway bridge over the Valtava River [sig] in District Branik, Prague.
 - (d) The Blatna - Nepomuk - Kdyne [sig] highway. This completely new highway construction will establish a short-cut by-passing the town of Klatovy.
 - (e) The highway 'node' around the town of Liberec.
 - (f) The M Ostrava - Karvina - Frystat highway.
6. "These construction projects are scheduled for completion during 1953. They are all fragments of the strategic communications system which is presently being reorganized throughout Czechoslovakia. The long highway from Prague through Pilsen to the Bavarian frontier will form part of a main supply artery running west from a major Soviet supply base in Carpatho-Ruthenia."

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